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TAGS: EAIR, UK
SUBJECT: SITREP ON U.K. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STRIKE NO. 2

REF: LONDON 14015

1. THE MEETING LAST EVENING BETWEEN THE AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROLLER ASSISTANTS (ATCA) UNION REPRESENTATIVES,

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, AND MINISTER STANLEY CLINTON DAVIS MADE NO PROGRESS IN FINDING A METHOD OF SETTling THE WAGE DISPUTE. THERE IS A MEETING SCHEDULED THIS EVENING BETWEEN EMPLOYMENT SECRETARY ALBERT BOOTH, THE UNION REPRESENTATIVES, AND SENIOR CAA OFFICIALS. THERE IS SOME HOPE THAT MR. BOOTH WILL FIND A FORMULA FOR MEDIATION WHICH WILL HEAD OFF THE STRIKE ACTION, BUT MOST SOURCES ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC.

2. THE MAJOR AIRLINES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BRITISH AIRWAYS ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO FLY THEIR SCHEDULES. BA CANCELLED 65 DEPARTURES--30 OF THEM FROM HEATHROW, NORMALLY THE AIRLINE OPERATES ABOUT 200 SERVICES DAILY. HOWEVER, WITH SEVERAL TRIDENTS GROUNDED AND CATERING STAFF INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS, THE NUMBER OF CANCELLATIONS WHICH CAN BE BLAMED ON DELAYS CAUSED BY THE ATCA'S SLOW DOWN ARE DIFFICULT TO PINPOINT.

3. THERE IS A GENERAL AIR OF UNCERTAINTY AMONG THE MAJOR OPERATORS AND THE CAA AS TO JUST WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECT OF THE STRIKE. THE FIGURE OF 40-50 PERCENT OF TRAFFIC CAPACITY IS BEING USED FOR PLANNING, BUT NO ONE IS PREDICTING HOW THIS WILL EFFECT SCHEDULES. THE U.S. CARRIERS PLAN TO CONTINUE WITH PLANNED SCHEDULES UNTIL FORCED TO MODIFY THEM. THE OPTION OF USING CONTINENTAL GATEWAYS FOR ENTRY AND EXIT IS NOT VIABLE BECAUSE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MAJORITY OF TRANSCANNEL SHIPPING IS FILLING UP RAPIDLY, PLUS THE FACT THAT THE COST FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME BECOME PROHIBITIVE. THE FACT THAT THE FRENCH ATC WORK TO RULE THREAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A CERTAINTY MAKES PLANNING EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

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